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Anions of Preservative Acids, Preparation Thereof, and Use  
Thereof for Preservation"**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97 *et seq.*, Applicant hereby submits the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and the references listed thereon. The references were cited during prosecution of the corresponding German application of the above-identified patent application.

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